



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## **TORNADO DONATION CENTERS ESTABLISHED**

Due to the overwhelming need for assistance following the recent tornadoes in Missouri a donations hotline in each disaster areas has been established to coordinate and distribute **UNSOLICITED AND UNDESIGNATED** donated goods, time, or money in Missouri.

Members of the National service program AmeriCorps have partnered with Missouri's State Emergency Management Agency and the Missouri Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (MOVOAD) to coordinate the donations across the state.

People wishing to donate items to tornado victims are encouraged to call one of the following three areas **BEFORE SENDING DONATIONS**. Anyone wishing to donate time is encouraged to volunteer as a part of a previously organized group and should **call the center prior to the date they wish to volunteer.**

**SOUTHWEST MISSOURI – (12 Counties)** call the South West Missouri Donations Center at 1-800-489-8183 seven days a week between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**WESTERN MISSOURI (Kansas City Area)** call the Help Line (Salvation Army) at (816) 221-1525, Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**EASTERN MISSOURI (St. Louis, Cape, Hannibal, etc)** call the Salvation Army at (314) 771-7366 Monday – Friday between 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.